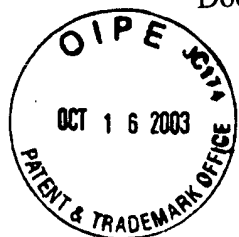


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 2, 2003, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 2, 2003, and the petition for a one-month extension of time up to and including November 2, 2003 being filed concurrently herewith, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendment and remarks.